

## North Carolina Medication Assistance Program

2020 Profile (Data from State Fiscal Year 2020 and current as of 6/30/2020)

### Grant Facts\*

**\$2.2M**

Grant funding appropriated from the General Assembly

**43**

Full-time equivalent health care professionals supported through grant funds

**30,311**

Patients served

**147,572**

Medications received

**\$225M\***

Value of medications leveraged

\*Based on average wholesale prices through Redbook

**15%**

Of prescriptions were anti-psychotic, anti-depressant, and other mental health drugs

**103**

The Pharmacy Connection (TPC) sites that offer service

**\$67.37**

Average ORH contribution per patient (each patient averages about 5 prescription drugs each month)

#### Did You Know

The Medication Assistance Program (MAP) is a safety net for uninsured, low-income individuals in the state. During SFY 2020, 95% of the patients served were uninsured and 84% of patients were at or below 100% of the Federal Poverty Level. It provides access to free prescription drugs available through pharmaceutical manufacturers to patients who cannot afford them. This service, is currently offered through 103 sites across the state in facilities such as rural health centers, federally qualified health centers, and community and faith based organizations.

#### Importance and Improvements

Since the creation of the program in 2003, it has accessed \$2,256,698,168 in free medications for patients who could not afford them. For SFY 2020 the value of medications leveraged for the program total \$225 million for over 30,000 patients.

### Return On Investment and Economic Impact

Source: IMPLAN

MAP Expenditures **\$2,041,919** + Created Economic Impact **\$2,025,078** = Total Impact **\$4,066,997**

Generates **40** additional jobs from the economic impact



**\$165,435** Generated in state and local taxes which goes back into the local and state economy

**\$1,867,615**

In employee compensation impacted by the grants

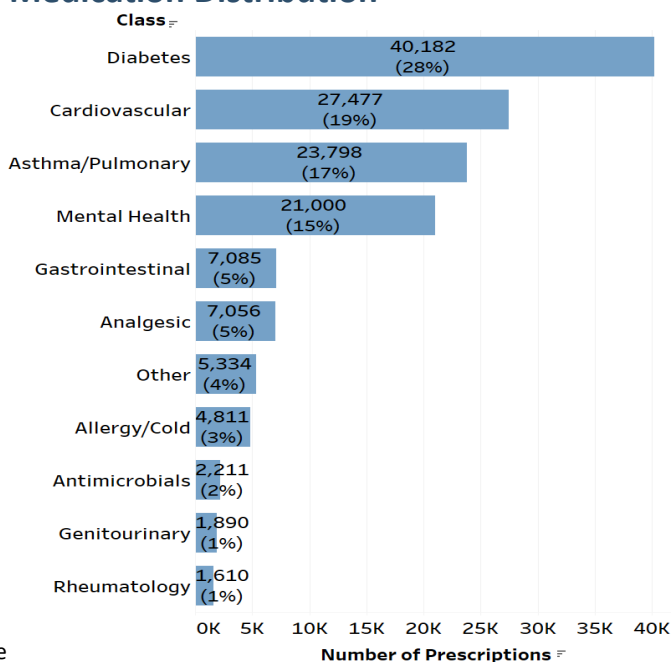
Each MAP grant dollar has a total economic impact of

**\$1.99**

**99%** ROI

\*Economic impact is estimated to be much greater because improved health outcomes can lead to fewer missed work days, reduced health care costs, and reduced premature morbidity and mortality. Some expenses such as out of state purchases, overhead, and rollover payments are not captured for ROI and economic impact.

### Medication Distribution



**MedAssist:** NC MedAssist is a central fill pharmacy purchasing prescription drugs for patients who meet certain income criteria. The NC General Assembly appropriates funds, administered by ORH, directly to MedAssist

**6.75**

FTEs

**20,014**

Patients served

**472,338**

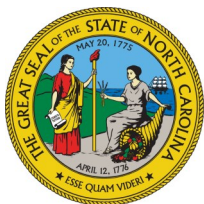
Prescriptions filled based on 30-day supply

**\$71,287,823**

Value of prescriptions filled (AWP)

\*Grantee reported measures were impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic in Quarters 3 and 4





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### Technical Assistance

30 Activities in  
16 Counties

Provided by ORH Staff

Community  
Development

14 Activities

Citizen  
Assistance  
3 Activities

Clinic/Staff  
Assistance

8 Activities

Contract  
Development

5 Activities

### Total Program Funding

State  
**\$2,164,104**  
100%

## Program Reach

**52**

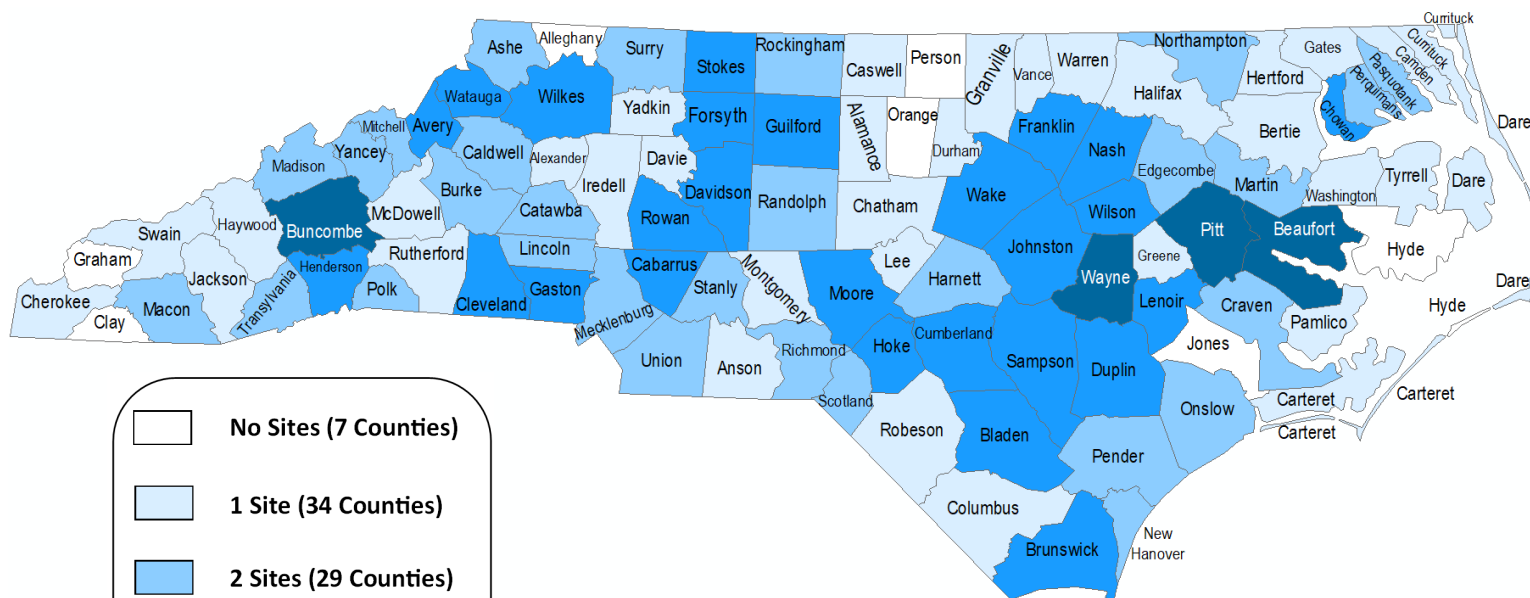
Agencies Funded

**93**

Total Counties Covered

**64**

Rural Counties Covered



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